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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-DESIGNATE'S MEETING WITH TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR BOMANI

1. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE MET WITH BOMANI FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES MORNING OF JANUARY 18. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE SAID THAT INTENSE REVIEW OF SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM NOW UNDERWAY WITHIN INCOMING ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT YET COMPLETED, BUT THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE GIVING PRIORITY TO DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HAD BASIC COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND MAJORITY RULE. BOMANI EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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GRATIFICATION AT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE'S STATEMENT, AND HOPED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONVEY REASSURANCE TO FRONT LINE LEADERS OF U.S. SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. BOMANI ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF EFFORTS TO REPEAL BYRD AMENDMENT. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE NOTED HE HAD STATED AT

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS THAT HE SUPPORTED REPEAL, AND PLANNED TO PROCEED ON REPEAL.

3. BOMANI STATED TANGOV'S BELIEF THAT NAMIBIAN PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED--PERHAPS FASTER THAN RHODESIA--IF U.S. WOULD PRESSURE SOUTH AFRICA. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE STATED

HIS BELIEF THAT IT IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN EARLY AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NAMIBIA RATHER THAN SETTLING FOR VAGUE FORMULATIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS.

- 4. BOMANI ALSO MENTIONED FRONT LINE DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE EXPLAINED THIS NOT INTENDED TO DOWNGRADE OTHER RHODESIAN LEADERS BUT RATHER TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR UNITY IN NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY UNITY BETWEEN TWO GROUPS (ZAPU AND ZANU) WHOSE ARMIES MIGHT OTHERWISE COLLIDE IN FUTURE.
- 5. BOMANI ALSO ALLUDED TO PROBLEMS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, AND STATED THAT RENEWED U.S. SUPPORT--EVEN IF IT DEMONSTRATED IN A SMALL WAY--TO COMMUNITY WOULD BE HELPFUL AND IN INTEREST OF ECONOMIES OF REGION. HABIB

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